

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JESSIE L. MEDLIN, PRESIDENT, PRESIDING

September 20, 1999

A. CALL TO ORDER

The September 20, 1999, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Jessie L. Medlin of DeSoto County.

Chief Deputy Charles Brown of the DeSoto County Sheriff’s Department was present and did open the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors meeting in a regular session to hear any and all business to come before the Board. The following were present:

- Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----District 1
- Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----District 2
- Supervisor Jimmy James-----District 3
- Supervisor John Caldwell-----District 4
- Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----District 5
- W. E. “Sluggo” Davis-----Chancery Clerk
- David Armstrong-----County Administrator
- William Austin-----Board Attorney

B. INVOCATION

The invocation was presented by Supervisor John Caldwell.

C. DEMERY GRUBBS - COURTHOUSE RENOVATION BONDS

Demery Grubbs, financial advisor, presented resolutions in connection with the Courthouse Renovation Project, which sets the terms and conditions of the \$3.5 million bonds for that project. The resolution sets the sale date for the bonds as October 13, 1999. Mr. Grubbs said that the \$3.5 million bonds were programmed into the budget for FY 2000.

Sam Keys, bond counsel, said that there are three resolutions that the Board of Supervisors needs to adopt today. Mr. Keys said that the resolutions set the terms and conditions for the bonds and authorize the firms associated with the Courthouse renovation to handle the legal and financial matters in connection with the issuance of the bonds.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked what the total issuance of the bonds was going to be. Demery Grubbs said that the total issuance of the bonds would be approximately 2%.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the Bond resolution setting the terms and conditions of the Bonds for the Courthouse renovation; approving the preliminary official statement; and, approving to hire the firms of Butler, Snow, Omara, Stevens, and Cannada as bond counsel, Holley, Grubbs, Mitcham, and Phillips as financial advisor, and the Austin Law Firm as issuer counsel to handle the legal and financial matters in connection with the issuance of these Bonds. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **** See Exhibit C****

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D. OLD BUSINESS

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1. Workforce Investment Act

County Administrator, David Armstrong notified the Board of Supervisors that he had spoken to Vivian Berryhill and advised her that the Board sent a resolution to the Governor and the State Workforce Investment Board requesting to be in Workforce Investment Area Three. Mr. Armstrong said that the next meeting of the State Workforce Investment Board will be October 27, 1999. He said that a subcommittee was assigned to address the overload of requests from counties desiring to change districts and that the subcommittee will be meeting on October 20, 1999.

Chancery Clerk Sluggo Davis asked if the Southern Delta Planning District is going to be the fiscal agent. Mr. Armstrong said that he did not think an agency had been designated to date. Supervisor Eugene Thach said that the agency will not be designated until the districts are decided. ****See Exhibit D.1****

2. EMS - Approval for Contract with NWCC

County Administrator, David Armstrong said that he had spoken to Board Attorney Bill Austin and Northwest Community College about the contract for EMS. Mr. Armstrong said that NWCC requires the students to provide insurance. Comptroller Dale Thompson said that in the past, NWCC has required DeSoto County to provide a certificate of insurance because some of the students were employees of DeSoto County. Mr. Armstrong said that it may only be those students not employed by DeSoto County that are required to provide insurance.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the Clinical Affiliation Agreement between Northwest Community College and DeSoto County Emergency Medical Services and to authorize the Board President to sign the agreement. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.2****

3. 911 Commission Appointees

In accordance with Section 19-5-307 of the Mississippi Code Annotated, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to reappoint Robert Lincoln and Greg Phillips to the 911 Commission for a term of four years and set to expire September 7, 2003. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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| Supervisor Jessie Medlin | YES |
| Supervisor Eugene Thach | YES |
| Supervisor Jimmy James | NO |
| Supervisor John Caldwell | ABSTAIN |
| Supervisor Tommy Lewis | YES |

****See Exhibit D.3****

4. Merritt Powell - Planning Commission

a. Ranch Meadows, Section C

This item had been carried over from the September 8, 1999 meeting for more information. Merritt Powell, Director of the Planning Commission notified the Board of Supervisors that all homes that have been built in Sections A and B of Ranch Meadows Subdivision have garages, however, the original approval of the subdivision did not specify anything about garages.

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Developer Dan Brown further explained to the Board of Supervisors that even though the subdivision was approved with 1250 square foot minimum, all houses have been built with at least 1500 square feet. Mr. Brown said that the rest of the homes will also have garages.

Supervisor Jimmy James made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to modify the plans for Ranch Meadows Subdivision with double garages required on all homes to be built. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

b. Shadow Oaks, Section C

Merritt Powell, Director of the Planning Commission notified the Board that the Mayor Mike Thomas of the City of Horn Lake sent a letter requesting that the park in Section C of Shadow Oaks, which was originally designed to include baseball fields, be amended to include playground equipment instead of ballfields. Mr. Powell said that the homeowners are supportive of the change. He said that the City of Horn Lake will take over the park if the area is annexed by Horn Lake.

Developer Hal Mullins said that he added a jogging trail and a pavilion in addition to other amenities to the park. He said that he spent twice as much on the park than he would have on the ballfields. Mr. Powell said the plans specifically call for the ballfields and need to be amended.

Supervisor Jimmy James made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to accept the amenities built and additional playground equipment and delete the requirement of a ballfield in the park located in Section C of Shadow Oaks Subdivision. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.4.b****

c. Wilson Mills Road Bond - Shadow Oaks, Section A Bond

Merritt Powell informed the Board that Kenny Gunn, Road Manager, requested to reduce the Wilson Mills Road Bond and Shadow Oaks, Section A Road Bond from construction bonds to maintenance bonds. Mr. Powell said that the maintenance bond would be for \$6,000.00 for Wilson Mills for two years and \$5,000.00 for Shadow Oaks, Section A for two years. Supervisor Jimmy James made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve maintenance bonds for two years for Wilson Mills Road and Shadow Oaks, Section A. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

d. Red Oaks Subdivision

Merritt Powell notified the Board that there is an easement that is not restricted to Newton Subdivision that can be used in Red Oaks Subdivision. Mr. Powell said that the Board Attorney has determined residents in Red Oaks Subdivision only will have to sign the plat acknowledging the division of lot 7.

Mr. Powell said that the easement affects lots 24, 25, and 26. Supervisor John Caldwell asked if the homeowners located at lots 24, 25, and 26 were okay with the easement on the lots. Mr. Powell said the homeowners of lots 24, 25, and 26 were not notified about the division. The easement had been recorded on their subdivision plat.

Supervisor John Caldwell speculated if this ever becomes a dedicated road, Lot 7 would need to donate a right of way.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to accept the easement in Red Oaks Subdivision as it is. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

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5. EMS - Approval of BellSouth Mobility Contract Change

Vanessa Lynchard presented a letter as requested by the Board of Supervisors at the last meeting, from BellSouth Mobility regarding the request by EMS to change from digital to analog service. Vanessa said that Camille Chatham, the representative from BellSouth

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Mobility, had spoken with a technical person and generated the letter justifying the request by EMS to change back to analog service. Ms. Chatham said that the change is not necessary for the entire county but would allow better service to EMS in more remote areas of the county.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said that with any cellular service there will always be dead spots and that he thought that dispatch was the main form of communication with EMS and that cellular phones were second.

County Administrator David Armstrong said that he had spoken to Bobby Storey, Director of EMS, and Bobby wanted to try the analog service again on a trial basis before changing the contract.

At the recommendation of David Armstrong, Supervisor Jimmy James made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to carry this issue over to the next meeting. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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| Supervisor Jessie Medlin | YES |
| Supervisor Eugene Thach | YES |
| Supervisor Jimmy James | YES |
| Supervisor John Caldwell | YES |
| Supervisor Tommy Lewis | ABSENT |

****See Exhibit D.5****

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Bud Gates - Nesbit Water Association - Request to Apply for CDGG

Bud Gates with the Nesbit Water Association requested approval of the Board of Supervisors to apply for a community development block grant (CDBG). Mr. Gates said that the increasing growth of the Nesbit area will make it necessary to put in a new well and a new water treatment plant. He said that the cost would be \$1 million or more to fund the project and that it will be in the Morrow Crest Subdivision due to the water pressure in that area.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked who is going to be the engineer. Mr. Gates said that Greg Russell will be the engineer.

Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to authorize the county to apply for a CDBG grant on behalf of Nesbit Water Association, with Nesbit Water providing the match and to work through North Delta Planning and Development. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

2. DHS Lease Agreement - July 1998 through September 1999

County Administrator David Armstrong presented a rent schedule for DHS and Family and Children Services for July 1998 through September 1999. Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to authorize the Clerk to pay the rental payments that are due for DHS and Family and Children Services from July 1998 to September 1999 and to authorize a payment of \$52,500 to the DeSoto County Non Profit

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Organization. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****Exhibit E.2****

3. Investment of Surplus Funds

In accordance with Section 19-2-29 of the Mississippi Code, which states that whenever any county shall have on hand any bond and interest funds, any funds derived from the sale of bonds, special funds, or any other funds in excess of the sums which will be required to meet

the current needs and demands of no more than seven (7) business days, the Board of Supervisors of such county shall invest such excess funds.

At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Dale Thompson, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the investment of surplus funds to First American Bank, who was the high bidder that placed their bid as follows:

| <u>DATE OF INVESTMENT</u> | <u>BANK</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> | <u>RATE</u> | <u>DAYS</u> |
|---------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| 09/10/99 | First American | \$ 5,197,000.00 | 5.25 | 20 |

The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.3****

4. Accepting Transfer of Bus from Board of Education

At the request of County Administrator David Armstrong, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made a motion and Supervisor Jimmy James seconded the motion to accept the transfer of bus # 59 from the DeSoto County Board of Education to the DeSoto County Sheriff's Office. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.4****

5. Authorization to Write Checks - Receiving Clerks Training

Vanessa Lynchard notified the Board of Supervisors that Kelly McGee of the State Auditor's Office said that receiving clerks need should be trained. Vanessa said that the training is offered once a year and that a seminar is scheduled for September 23, 1999. Vanessa requested approval for receiving clerks, Carol Hurt, Julie McMath, and Brigitte Herring, to attend the receiving clerks training.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve travel for the assistant receiving clerks and to authorize the clerk to write the checks for the registration fee in the amount of \$75.00 and a check to Holiday Inn Express for \$59.75 for lodging. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.5.****

6. Approving Disbursement of Rail Car Taxes to Cities and Board of Education

Supervisor Eugene Thach made a motion and Supervisor Jimmy James seconded the motion to approve the disbursement of rail car taxes for 1998 to the Cities and the Board of Education and authorized the clerk to write the check. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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| Supervisor Jessie Medlin | YES |
| Supervisor Eugene Thach | YES |
| Supervisor Jimmy James | YES |
| Supervisor John Caldwell | ABSENT |
| Supervisor Tommy Lewis | YES |

****See Exhibit E.6****

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7. Approving Disbursement of Homestead Exemption Check to the Board of Education

Supervisor Jimmy James made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the disbursement of the Homestead Exemption check and authorized the clerk to write a check to the Board of Education for \$577,287.02 for their portion. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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| Supervisor Jessie Medlin | YES |
| Supervisor Eugene Thach | YES |
| Supervisor Jimmy James | YES |

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| Supervisor John Caldwell | ABSENT |
| Supervisor Tommy Lewis | YES |

****See Exhibit E.7****

8. Budget Amendment - Justice Court

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 1998, and ending September 30, 1999. At the recommendation of the Comptroller Dale Thompson, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment for Justice Court as follows:

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| Lower | 001-166-933 | Office Machines & Equipment | \$ 260.00 |
| Increase | 001-166-934 | Furniture & Fixtures | \$ 260.00 |

The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.8****

9. Approval for Randy Doss to sign Metro Narcotics Grant Paperwork as Project Director

At the recommendation of Sheriff James A. Riley, Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Jimmy James seconded the motion to authorize Randy Doss to sign the Metro Narcotics Grant paperwork as the project director. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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| Supervisor Jessie Medlin | NO |
| Supervisor Eugene Thach | YES |
| Supervisor Jimmy James | YES |
| Supervisor John Caldwell | YES |
| Supervisor Tommy Lewis | YES |

10. Approval of Late Bill - Fisher and Arnold

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve invoice # 30581 in the amount of \$ 3,050.00 for payment to Fisher & Arnold, Inc. for the DeSoto County/Veterans Park Star Landing Road Construction Staking and to authorize the clerk to write the check from the FY99 Budget. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.10****

11. Civic Center and CVB Allocations

County Administrator David Armstrong informed the Board of Supervisors that the Civic Center and the CVB requested its total budgeted allocation less payroll. Mr. Armstrong said that the Civic Center allocation is \$251,134.00 and the CVB allocation is \$20,000.00.

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Board Attorney Bill Austin said that the Civic Center probably wants the funds on quarterly allocations.

County Administrator David Armstrong said that he felt that the Civic Center should be taken out of DeSoto County’s budget and let them operate independently. Supervisor John Caldwell said that he is not opposed to breaking ties with the Civic Center but that it is going to be a gradual process that will take a few years to complete.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if they did or did not want the payroll. Vanessa Lynchard said that they only wanted operating expenses, not personnel. She said that the CVB was given their allocation, at one time, early during the FY99 Budget.

Vanessa said that the Civic Center will do its own purchasing and will adhere to the state purchasing laws. Board Attorney Bill Austin said that DeSoto County will not be liable if the Civic Center does not adhere to the purchasing laws because the auditor said that the Civic Center is a separate unit of government.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said that he did not like the idea of allocating the funds early to the Civic Center so that they can draw interest on it. Supervisor John Caldwell said that quarterly allocations would be better than allocating the funds at one time.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made a motion and Supervisor Jimmy James seconded the motion to hold this issue until a representative of the Civic Center is present to answer questions. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

12. IS - Request to Hold over Budget Funds

Vanessa Lynchard notified the Board of Supervisors that Larry Wood, Director of Data Processing, requested to carry over \$6,000.00 from the FY99 Budget to FY00 Budget to cover the final payment regarding the Planning Commission software. Vanessa said that the money was allocated in the FY99 Budget for the Planning Commission software and that it is not in the FY00 Budget. Vanessa said the last invoice had to be held over at the last minute and should clear in October.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to amend the FY2000 budget as follows:

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| Increase | 001-152-554 | Consultant Fees | \$6,000.00 |
| Decrease | 001-901-999 | Fund Balance | \$6,000.00 |

The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

13. Approval of Travel Reimbursement - Sewer Study

Bills in connection with travel reimbursement for Supervisor John Caldwell to Washington, D.C. for the sewer study were presented by copy to each Supervisor. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jimmy James seconded the motion to approve travel reimbursement for Supervisor John Caldwell in the amount of \$ 67.00 and authorized the clerk to write the check. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.13****

14. Approval to Apply for Tobacco Grant

Vanessa Lynchard informed the Board of Supervisors that DeSoto County is eligible to receive grant funds in the amount of \$34,171.03 to help enforce Mississippi’s tobacco laws and

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requested approval to apply for the Tobacco Grant. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jimmy James seconded the motion to authorize the Sheriff’s Department to apply for the Tobacco Grant. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.14****

F. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The “Executive Session” portion of this meeting is presented under the portion of minutes called “Executive Session.

G. OTHER ISSUES

1. Audit FY99

Kelly McGee of State Auditor's Office addressed the Board of Supervisors about the audit for FY99. Ms. McGee informed the Board that the approximate cost of the audit will be \$12,500.00, however, she expects to have to do one or more single audits as well, which will increase the audit cost. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to authorize the Board President to sign the entrance papers for the FY99 audit. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit G.1****

2. Authorization to Sign Purchase Requisitions - Planning Commission

Merritt Powell requested authorization for Mary Holden to sign purchase requisitions for the planning commission because Evelyn Holifield had resigned and Ms. Holden will replace Ms. Holifield. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to authorize Mary Holden to sign purchase requisitions for the Planning Commission. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

3. Cleaning of Property - Pleasant Hill Road

Merritt Powell of the Planning Commission forwarded a request from the owner of the property located at 4130 Pleasant Hill Road in DeSoto County to delay the public hearing on the cleaning of the burned house at the aforementioned location for 30 days to allow him time to clean the property.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made a motion and Supervisor Jimmy James seconded the motion to extend the time to clean the property located at 4130 Pleasant Hill Road by 30 days. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

4. Signs on Highway

Merritt Powell presented the Board of Supervisors with a letter forwarded to him by MDOT that was sent to MDOT by William Gray of Olive Branch. Mr. Powell said that Mr. Gray had a complaint about the fireworks signs placed on Highway 78 near the Tennessee State line during the 4th of July and the Christmas holidays. Mr. Gray said the signs are distasteful and ugly and that they should not be allowed on the roadways. ****See Exhibit G.4****

5. Welcome Center - Highway 78

The Board of Supervisors discussed the request from William T. Gray of DeSoto County that was forwarded to the Board of Supervisors by MDOT concerning the addition of a Welcome Center on Highway 78 in Olive Branch due to the highway being a major access road across the state for both personal and commercial traffic. The Board of Supervisors recognizes the convenience that the addition of a Welcome Center, on Highway 78 at the current rest area

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location, would create. In addition, the Board of Supervisors recognizes that a Welcome Center would provide an opportunity to advertise DeSoto County to the traveling public, therefore encouraging travelers to stop at sights throughout DeSoto County and the State of Mississippi.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to request the aid of the Legislative Delegation to appropriate funding to construct a Welcome Center along Highway 78 in Olive Branch, Mississippi. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

6. Cemetery

Road Manager Kenny Gunn asked if the Board of Supervisors wants him to bring every request for cemetery work before the Board of Supervisors for approval. The Board of Supervisors instructed the Road Manager to handle the requests according to guidelines in the

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Mississippi Code.

Supervisor Jimmy James made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to authorize Kenny Gunn to maintain cemetery driveways and parking lots in accordance with Section 19-3-42(5) of the Mississippi Code, which states that “the board of supervisors of any county is hereby authorized, in its discretion, to repair and maintain driveways and parking lots of any private nonprofit cemeteries in county. The board of supervisors of any county shall not be authorized under the provisions of this subsection to repair or maintain driveways or parking lots located more than one hundred fifty (150) feet from the center of any highway, road or street under the jurisdiction of the county.” The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

7. Baptist Road and Pleasant Hill Road

Supervisor John Caldwell advised Road Manager Kenny Gunn that when traveling westbound on Pleasant Hill it is almost impossible to turn right onto Baptist Road without coming to a complete stop and requested that something be done to correct the problem.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis suggested taking part of the curve out of Pleasant Hill Road in that area so that the sight distance is not so limited.

Kenny Gunn said that a possible solution to the turn would be to add an island at Pleasant Hill and Baptist Road so that traffic would not have to stop before turning.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin suggested the Board of Supervisors allocate some of the paving money for gravel roads, since most have been paved, toward getting rid of curves.

8. College Road

Supervisor Jessie Medlin requested that Kenny Gunn have a log cleared from College Road that is almost across the road and just off of the right of way. Kenny Gunn said that he would take care of the matter.

9. Highway 301 and Austin Road

Supervisor Jimmy James requested that Kenny Gunn check to make sure that the road signs at Austin Road and Highway 301 were visible and had not been removed. Supervisor James said that two children were killed at that location over the weekend and he wanted to make sure that signs were properly displayed.

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10. Plummer McNeil Road

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked Kenny Gunn to check to see if there is a stop sign and a speed limit sign posted on Plummer McNeil Road just off of Red Banks Road. Supervisor Medlin also requested that a road marker be placed at that location if there is not one.

11. Nesbit Water Association

Vanessa Lynchard notified the Board of Supervisors that the Nesbit Water Association requested a refund from the remaining funds of the \$100,000.00 grant match. Vanessa said that the amount of the refund will be based on a letter from North Delta Planning stating the exact remaining funds in the account.

Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to authorize a refund of the grant match to Nesbit Water Association based on a letter of recommendation from North Delta Planning and Development and authorized the clerk to write the check. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

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12. Reimbursement of Travel - Accounting

Vanessa Lynchard notified the Board of Supervisors that Comptroller Dale Thompson requested approval to reimburse Stephanie Hanks for travel expenses in the amount of \$53.00. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jimmy James seconded the motion to approve the reimbursement of travel and authorized the clerk to write the check in the amount of \$53.00. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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| Supervisor Jessie Medlin | YES |
| Supervisor Eugene Thach | ABSENT |
| Supervisor Jimmy James | YES |
| Supervisor John Caldwell | YES |
| Supervisor Tommy Lewis | YES |

****See Exhibit G.12****

13. Hernando High School Soccer Field

At the recommendation of Jerry Baird, Superintendent of Education, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the Road Manager to deliver and spread two loads of sand on the soccer field at Hernando High School according to a letter of request from Superintendent Jerry Baird. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit G.13****

14. District 4 Park Fund

Supervisor John Caldwell informed the Board of Supervisors that the City of Horn Lake requested \$7,000.00 from the park fund to add lights on the ballfields and wanted confirmation that the money will be received before the issue is presented to the Horn Lake Board of Aldermen.

Board Attorney Bill Austin said that it was his understanding that the Board of Supervisors can give the cities their allocation for the parks prior to work being done but he is in the process of verifying that with the Attorney General’s Office and will report back to the Board.

No motions or votes were taken on this issue.

ITEM G.15, CONTINUED,

15. MHP Drivers License Building

County Administrator David Armstrong informed the Board of Supervisors that he would not be attending the meeting on September 28, 1999 because that is the day of the bid opening for the drivers license building. Mr. Armstrong said that he was advised that the MHP Comptroller may be able to allot an additional \$18,000.00 for the building. He said that further action on this issue should wait until he hears from the MHP.

16. Crossovers on Goodman Road

Supervisor Jessie Medlin requested that a resolution be sent to MDOT asking that MDOT look at all crossovers on Goodman Road east of the County Line for public safety matters. Supervisor Medlin suggested that MDOT and the Planning Commission communicate on this issue.

Supervisor Eugene Thach suggested that MDOT should send a copy of plans to the Planning Commission or that MDOT send plans to the County Administrator for him to distribute to the Road Manager and the Planning Commission.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to send a resolution to MDOT to ask them to look at all of the crossovers on Goodman Road and to ask for a crossover on at least one of the streets in the Fox Creek Subdivision, east of Olive Branch, on Goodman Road and for MDOT to submit a preliminary road plan to the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission on any others planned in DeSoto County. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

17. Chris Gouras

Chris Gouras addressed the Board of Supervisors about obtaining CDBG grants for DeSoto County. Mr. Gouras said that the county would only pay for the services if the grant is received and administered. He said that the grant match is usually 25% or 50% depending on a case by case analysis. He said that he works mostly through the CDBG program. He advised that the process of obtaining a CDBG grant would begin with a meeting with the Board of Supervisors or the County Administrator to determine the needs of the county and that the 2000 grant applications are due at the end of March or the first of April of 2000.

No motions or votes were taken on this issue.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to adjourn until October 4, 1999 at 9:00 a.m. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

THIS the 20th day of September, 1999, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

Jessie L. Medlin, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors

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